AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A light diffusing sheet comprising a light-transmitting resin, characterized by having fine recesses formed in at least one of the surfaces thereof, the fine recesses having a shape which is any of the shape of an inverted polyangular pyramid, the shape of an inverted truncated polyangular pyramid, the shape of an inverted cone, and the shape of an inverted truncated cone.

2. (currently amended): The light diffusing sheet according to claim 6~~1~~, characterized by containing a light diffusing agent.

3-4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): The light diffusing sheet according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 4~~, wherein the recesses have been regularly arranged.

6. (currently amended): The light diffusing sheet according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to~~ 5, wherein the bevel between the surface having fine recesses formed and each inclined face of each fine recess having the shape of an inverted polyangular pyramid or inverted truncated

polyangular pyramid, or the bevel between that surface and the ridgeline of each fine recess having the shape of an inverted cone or inverted truncated cone is 15-70°.

7. (currently amended): The light diffusing sheet according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to 5~~ 2, wherein the bevel between the surface having fine recesses formed and each inclined face of each fine recess having the shape of an inverted polyangular pyramid or inverted truncated polyangular pyramid, or the bevel between that surface and the ridgeline of each fine recess having the shape of an inverted cone or inverted truncated cone is 35-70°.

8. (currently amended): The light diffusing sheet according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to~~ 2 or 7, wherein the proportion of the area occupied by the fine recesses in the surface having the fine recesses formed is 30-100%.

9. (currently amended): The light diffusing sheet according to ~~any one of~~ claims ~~1 to 8~~ 2 or 7, wherein the fine recesses have been formed in an oblique-line arrangement.

10-14. (canceled).

15. (new): A light diffusing sheet comprising a light-transmitting resin, characterized by containing a light diffusing agent and having fine recesses formed in at least one of the surfaces thereof, the fine recesses having a shape which is any of the shape of an inverted polyangular pyramid, the shape of an inverted truncated polyangular pyramid, the shape of an inverted cone, and the shape of an inverted truncated cone,

wherein the recesses have been regularly arranged and formed in an oblique-line arrangement;

the bevel between the surface having fine recesses formed and each inclined face of each fine recess having the shape of an inverted polyangular pyramid or inverted truncated polyangular pyramid, or the bevel between that surface and the ridgeline of each fine recess having the shape of an inverted cone or inverted truncated cone is 35-70°; and

the proportion of the area occupied by the fine recesses in the surface having the fine recesses formed is 30-100%.

16. (new): The light diffusing sheet according to claim 15, further comprising a core layer made of a light-transmitting resin which has been laminated to the surface on the side opposite to the surface having fine recesses formed.

17. (new): The light diffusing sheet according to claim 16, wherein the core layer contains a light diffusing agent.

18. (new): The light diffusing sheet according to claim 15 or 17, wherein a functional layer having light-transmitting properties has been laminated to the surface on the side opposite to the surface having fine recesses formed and the functional layer having light-transmitting properties comprises an ultraviolet-absorbing layer and/or an antistatic layer.

19. (new): The light diffusing sheet according to claim 15 or 17, wherein the surface on the side opposite to the surface having fine recesses formed has recesses and protrusions which are finer than the fine recesses.

20. (new): A backlight unit characterized by including the light diffusing sheet according to claim 8 which has a thickness of 0.3-5 mm and has been disposed in front of a light source so that that surface of the sheet which has fine recesses formed serves as a light emission side, wherein a functional layer having light-transmitting properties has been laminated to the surface of the light diffusing sheet on the side opposite to the surface having fine recesses formed and the functional layer having light-transmitting properties comprises an ultraviolet-absorbing layer and/or an antistatic layer.

21. (new): A backlight unit characterized by including the light diffusing sheet according to claim 15 or 17 which has a thickness of 0.3-5 mm and has been disposed in front of a light source so that that surface of the sheet which has fine recesses formed serves as a light emission side.

22. (new): A backlight unit characterized by including the light diffusing sheet according to claim 15 or 17 which has a thickness of 0.3-5 mm and has been disposed in front of a light source so that that surface of the sheet which has fine recesses formed serves as a light emission side, wherein the surface on the side of the light diffusing sheet opposite to the surface having fine recesses formed has recesses and protrusions which are finer than the fine recesses.

23. (new): A light diffusing sheet comprising a light-transmitting resin, characterized by having fine recesses formed in at least one of the surfaces thereof, the fine recesses having a shape which is any of the shape of an inverted polyangular pyramid, the shape of an inverted truncated polyangular pyramid, the shape of an inverted cone, and the shape of an inverted truncated cone,

wherein the bevel between the surface having fine recesses formed and each inclined face of each fine recess having the shape of an inverted polyangular pyramid or inverted truncated polyangular pyramid, or the bevel between that surface and the ridgeline of each fine recess having the shape of an inverted cone or inverted truncated cone is 35-70°;

the surface on the side opposite to the surface having fine recesses formed has recesses and protrusions which are finer than the fine recesses; and

a functional layer having light-transmitting properties has been laminated to the surface on the side opposite to the surface having fine recesses formed and the functional layer having light-transmitting properties comprises an ultraviolet-absorbing layer and/or an antistatic layer.

24. (new): A backlight unit characterized by including the light diffusing sheet according to claim 23 which has a thickness of 0.3-5 mm and has been disposed in front of a light source so that that surface of the sheet which has fine recesses formed serves as a light emission side.